

Employee Post-Travel Disclosure of Travel Expenses

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Post-Travel Filing Instructions: Complete this form within 30 days of returning from travel. Submit all forms to the **Office of Public Records in 232 Hart Building.**

In compliance with Rule 35.2(a) and (c), I make the following disclosures with respect to travel expenses that have been or will be reimbursed/paid for me. I also certify that I have attached:

- ☐ The original *Employee Pre-Travel Authorization* (Form RE-1), AND
☐ A copy of the *Private Sponsor Travel Certification Form* with all attachments (itinerary, invitee list, etc.)

The Humpty Dumpty Institute, Horn of Africa Education Development Fund, Cheetah Conservation Fund, Somalilander

Private Sponsor(s) (list all): American Health Association, Institute for Peace and Conflict Studies, American Global Institute.

Travel date(s): December 11, 2021 - December 18, 2021

Name of accompanying family member (if any): n/a

Relationship to Traveler: ☐ Spouse ☐ Child

IF THE COST OF LODGING DID NOT INCREASE DUE TO THE ACCOMPANYING SPOUSE OR DEPENDENT CHILD, ONLY INCLUDE LODGING COSTS IN EMPLOYEE EXPENSES. (Attach additional pages if necessary.)

Expenses for Employee:

	Transportation Expenses	Lodging Expenses	Meal Expenses	Other Expenses (Amount & Description)
<input type="checkbox"/> Good Faith Estimate	\$4,298.67	\$997.17	\$259.72	\$17.00 - travel insurance \$208.33 - PCR testing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Actual Amount				


Expenses for Accompanying Spouse or Dependent Child (if applicable):

	Transportation Expenses	Lodging Expenses	Meal Expenses	Other Expenses (Amount & Description)
<input type="checkbox"/> Good Faith Estimate				
<input type="checkbox"/> Actual Amount				

Provide a description of all meetings and events attended. See Senate Rule 35.2(c)(6). (Attach additional pages if necessary.): See attached

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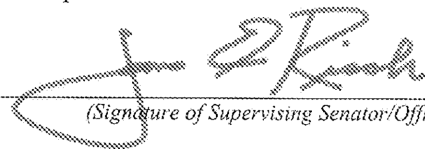
Elizabeth Lewis
(Printed name of traveler)


(Signature of traveler)

TO BE COMPLETED BY SUPERVISING MEMBER/OFFICER:

I have made a determination that the expenses set out above in connections with travel described in the *Employee Pre-Travel Authorization* form, are necessary transportation, lodging, and related expenses as defined in Rule 35.

1/14/2022
(Date)


(Signature of Supervising Senator/Officer)



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Elizabeth Lewis
Senate Foreign Relations Committee
Africa Policy Analyst
Senator James E Risch
423 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510-6225

Dear Ms. Lewis:

I am pleased to invite you to participate in a Congressional Delegation to Somaliland scheduled for December 11-18, 2021. The focus of this trip will be the current state of political affairs and the importance of Somaliland for regional security. The delegation will have meetings with senior-level officials of the Somaliland administration and parliamentarians, academics, and cultural leaders. The delegation will also visit schools and health facilities, as well as wildlife conservation areas close to the capital Hargeisa.

Logistics for the delegation will be arranged by the Humpty Dumpty Institute (HDI). HDI is a 501(c)3 organization dedicated to fostering dialogue between U.S. leaders and their senior advisors with regional and national leaders around the world. HDI does not engage in lobbying activities and is nonpartisan and nonideological.

The delegation will depart on Saturday, December 11 and return on Saturday, December 18, 2021. Ethics paperwork will be due by Thursday, November 11, 2021.

Please RSVP to Nataliia Sydorova, HDI's Program Manager at nataliia.sydorova@thehdi.org

We hope you will be able to join us.

Sincerely,

Joseph Merante
Executive Director

PRIVATE SPONSOR TRAVEL CERTIFICATION FORM

This form must be completed by any private entity offering to provide travel or reimbursement for travel to Senate Members, officers, or employees (Senate Rule 35, clause 2). Each sponsor of a fact-finding trip must sign the completed form. The trip sponsor(s) must provide a copy of the completed form to each invited Senate traveler, who will then forward it to the Ethics Committee with any other required materials. The trip sponsor(s) should **NOT** submit the form directly to the Ethics Committee. Please consult the accompanying instructions for more detailed definitions and other key information.

The Senate Member, officer, or employee **MUST** also provide a copy of this form, along with the appropriate travel authorization and reimbursement form, to the Office of Public Records (OPR), Room 232 of the Hart Building, within thirty (30) days after the travel is completed.

1. Sponsor(s) of the trip (please list all sponsors): The Humpty Dumpty Institute (HDI), HAEDF, CCF, SAHA, IPCS, AGI. - Please see addendum for details.
2. Description of the trip: The goal of this trip is to get a better understanding of the complexities of the region through meetings with Somalilander government, business, environmental and cultural leaders.
3. Dates of travel: December 11-18, 2021.
4. Place of travel: Hargeisa, Somaliland.
5. Name and title of Senate invitees: Please see addendum.
6. I *certify* that the trip fits one of the following categories:
 - ☒ (A) The sponsor(s) are not registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal **and** do not retain or employ registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal **and** no lobbyist or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee *at any point* throughout the trip.
 - OR --
 - ☐ (B) The sponsor or sponsors are not registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal, but retain or employ one or more registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal and the trip meets the requirements of Senate Rule 35.2(a)(2)(A)(i) or (ii) (*see question 9*).
7. ☒ I *certify* that the trip will not be financed in any part by a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal.
 - AND --
 - ☒ I *certify* that the sponsor or sponsors will not accept funds or in-kind contributions earmarked directly or indirectly for the purpose of financing this specific trip from a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal or from a private entity that retains or employs one or more registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal.
8. I *certify* that:
 - ☒ The trip will not in any part be planned, organized, requested, or arranged by a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal except for *de minimis* lobbyist involvement.
 - AND --
 - ☒ The traveler will not be accompanied on the trip by a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal except as provided for by Committee regulations relating to lobbyist accompaniment (*see question 9*).

9. **USE ONLY IF YOU CHECKED QUESTION 6(B)**

I *certify* that if the sponsor or sponsors retain or employ one or more registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal, one of the following scenarios applies:

- ☐ (A) The trip is for attendance or participation in a one-day event (exclusive of travel time and **one** overnight stay) and no registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee *on any segment* of the trip.

– OR –

- ☐ (B) The trip is for attendance or participation in a one-day event (exclusive of travel time and **two** overnight stays) and no registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee *on any segment* of the trip (*see questions 6 and 10*).

– OR –

- ☐ (C) The trip is being sponsored only by an organization or organizations designated under § 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and no registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee *at any point* throughout the trip.

10. **USE ONLY IF YOU CHECKED QUESTION 9(B)**

If the trip includes two overnight stays, please explain why the second night is practically required for Senate invitees to participate in the travel:

11. ☒ An itinerary for the trip is attached to this form. I *certify* that the attached itinerary is a detailed (hour-by-hour), complete, and final itinerary for the trip.

12. Briefly describe the role of each sponsor in organizing and conducting the trip:

Please see addendum.

13. Briefly describe the stated mission of each sponsor and how the purpose of the trip relates to that mission:

Please see addendum.

14. Briefly describe each sponsor's prior history of sponsoring congressional trips:

Please see addendum.

15. Briefly describe the educational activities performed by each sponsor (other than sponsoring congressional trips):

Please see addendum.

16. Total Expenses for Each Participant:

	Transportation Expenses	Lodging Expenses	Meal Expenses	Other Expenses
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good Faith estimate	Total: \$3,760 \$3,260 - airfare \$500 - ground transportation incl. airport transfers	Total: \$900 \$500 - lodging in Dubai (layover) \$400 - lodging in Hargeisa	Total: \$564 \$336 - M&I in Dubai (layover) \$228 - M&I in Hargeisa	Total: \$180 \$180 - PCR testing
<input type="checkbox"/> Actual Amounts				

17. State whether a) the trip involves an event that is arranged or organized *without regard* to congressional participation or b) the trip involves an event that is arranged or organized *specifically with regard* to congressional participation:

Trip involves an event that is arranged or organized specifically with regard to congressional participation.

18. Reason for selecting the location of the event or trip

Please see addendum.

19. Name and location of hotel or other lodging facility:

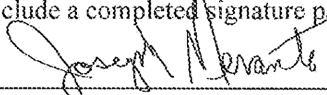
Ambassador Hotel, Airport Road, Hargeisa, Somaliland

Conrad Dubai Hotel, Sheikh Zayed Rd.; Dubai International Hotel, Dubai Intl. Airport T3, Dubai, UAE

20. Reason(s) for selecting hotel or other lodging facility:

Proximity to airport and meeting locations in Somaliland.

Layover, proximity to airport in Dubai.

21. Describe how the daily expenses for lodging, meals, and other expenses provided to trip participants compares to the maximum per diem rates for official Federal Government travel:
- Daily lodging expenses in Hargeisa are lower than max. USG per diem rates. Daily meal expenses in Hargeisa are equal to USG per diem rates. Daily lodging expenses in Dubai are lower than max. USG per diem rates. Daily meal expenses in Dubai are equal to USG per diem rates.
22. Describe the type and class of transportation being provided. Indicate whether coach, business-class or first class transportation will be provided. If first-class fare is being provided, please explain why first-class travel is necessary:
- Round trip airfare and ground transportation is provided. All airfare is coach class.
- Taxi to/from the airport in Washington. Taxis/car service in Dubai. Up-armored vehicles in Somaliland.
23. ☒ I represent that the travel expenses that will be paid for or reimbursed to Senate invitees do not include expenditures for recreational activities, alcohol, or entertainment (other than entertainment provided to all attendees as an integral part of the event, as permissible under Senate Rule 35).
24. List any entertainment that will be provided to, paid for, or reimbursed to Senate invitees and explain why the entertainment is an integral part of the event:
- None.
25. I hereby *certify* that the information contained herein is true, complete and correct. (For trips involving more than one sponsor, you *must* include a completed signature page for each additional sponsor):
- Signature of Travel Sponsor: 
- Name and Title: Joseph Merante, Executive Director
- Name of Organization: The Humpty Dumpty Institute
- Address: 177 Prince Street, New York, NY 10012
- Telephone Number: 202 494 0942
- Fax Number:
- E-mail Address: joe.merante@thehdi.org

PRIVATE SPONSOR TRAVEL CERTIFICATION FORM
SIGNATURE PAGE FOR ADDITIONAL SPONSOR
(to be completed by each additional sponsor)

I hereby *certify* that the information contained on pages 1-4 of the certification form and any accompanying addenda, all submitted in connection with the Decemeber 11-18, 2021 trip
to Somaliiland *Place of Travel* is true, complete, and correct. *Dates of Travel (Month Day, Year)*

Signature of Travel Sponsor: Robert Kaufman

Name and Title: Robert Kaufman, Executive Director

Name of Organization: Horn of Africa Education Development Fund

Address: 446 Main Street, Suite 8, Worcester MA

Telephone Number: _____

Fax Number: _____

E-mail Address: robert@abaarsonetwork.org

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SIGNATURE PAGE FOR ADDITIONAL SPONSOR
(to be completed by each additional sponsor)

I hereby *certify* that the information contained on pages 1-4 of the certification form and any accompanying addenda, all submitted in connection with the Decemeber ~~4-46, 2021~~ 11-18, 2021 trip
to Somaliland *Place of Travel* is true, complete, and correct. *Dates of Travel (Month Day, Year)*

Signature of Travel Sponsor: Laurie Marker

Name and Title: Dr. Laurie Marker, Founder & Executive Director

Name of Organization: Cheetah Conservation Fund

Address: 200 Daingerfield Road, Suite 200, Alexandria, VA 22314

Telephone Number: 866-909-3399

Fax Number: _____

E-mail Address: director@cheetah.org

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SIGNATURE PAGE FOR ADDITIONAL SPONSOR
(to be completed by each additional sponsor)

I hereby *certify* that the information contained on pages 1-4 of the certification form and any accompanying addenda, all submitted in connection with the Decemeber 11-18, 2021 trip
to Somaliland *Place of Travel* is true, complete, and correct. *Dates of Travel (Month Day, Year)*

Signature of Travel Sponsor: Abdirahman Nadar

Name and Title: Abdirahman Madar, MD MS; President

Name of Organization: Somalilander- American Health Association

Address: 8326 Pineville-Matthews Rd Suite 407, Charlotte NC 28247

Telephone Number: 202-677-5735

Fax Number: _____

E-mail Address: saha@sahainfo.org

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SIGNATURE PAGE FOR ADDITIONAL SPONSOR
(to be completed by each additional sponsor)

I hereby *certify* that the information contained on pages 1-4 of the certification form and any accompanying addenda, all submitted in connection with the Decemeber 4-46, 2024 11-18, 2021 trip
to Somaliland *Place of Travel* is true, complete, and correct. *Dates of Travel (Month Day, Year)*

Signature of Travel Sponsor: Nasir M. Ali

Name and Title: Nasir M. Ali, Director

Name of Organization: Institute for Peace and Conflict Studies at the University of Hargeisa

Address: Ahmed Dhagah District, Pepsi Cola Rd, Hargeisa, The Republic of Somaliland

Telephone Number: 252 634 427 156

Fax Number: _____

E-mail Address: nasir.ali@instituteforpeace.org

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SIGNATURE PAGE FOR ADDITIONAL SPONSOR
(to be completed by each additional sponsor)

I hereby *certify* that the information contained on pages 1-4 of the certification form and any accompanying addenda, all submitted in connection with the Decemeber ~~14-16, 2021~~ 11-18, 2021 trip
to Somaliland *Place of Travel* is true, complete, and correct. *Dates of Travel (Month Day, Year)*

Signature of Travel Sponsor: Al. Khalafalla

Name and Title: Dr. Al Khalafalla, President

Name of Organization: American Global Institute

Address: 1750 K Street, NW, Suite 1200, Washington DC, 20006

Telephone Number: 202-239-0657

Fax Number: _____

E-mail Address: president@aginow.org

Question 1:**Sponsors:**

1. The Humpty Dumpty Institute (HDI)
2. Horn of Africa Education Development Fund (Abaarso Network) (HAEDF)
3. Cheetah Conservation Fund (CCF)
4. Somalilander-American Health Association (SAHA)
5. Institute for Peace and Conflict Studies at the University of Hargeisa (IPCS)
6. American Global Institute (AGI)



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5. Names and titles of Senate invitee:

- **Congressional Staff:**

Alexandra Davis, Legislative Assistant (Sen. Chris Coons)

Elizabeth Lewis, Senior Policy Analyst – Africa (Sen. Risch)

Scott Graber, Chief Counsel (Sen. Lindsay Graham)

Anna Yelverton, Policy Adviser (Sen. Chris Coons)

Thomas Mancinelli, Foreign Policy Legislative Assistant (Sen. Chris Coons)



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Questions 12, 13, 14, 15: Describe role, mission, history, educational activities of each sponsor.

12. Briefly describe a role of each sponsoring organizing and conducting the trip.

The Humpty Dumpty Institute:

HDI will conduct the program from start to finish, including sending invitations to Members and Staff, providing logistical arrangements, providing appropriate Ethics Committee forms for reporting, and coordinating with the U.S. Department of State and the U.S. Department of the Treasury to ensure that everything is done appropriately. HDI will also work with the additional sponsors on arranging the meeting schedule in Somaliland. HDI will accompany the participants to all meeting and make sure that the program follows the Senate Ethics Rules.

Horn of Africa Education Development Fund (Abaarso Network)

Abaarso Network has given HDI a grant to organize and conduct a U.S. Congressional Delegation to Somaliland to interact with the local government officials, business and community leaders. Abaarso Network will also be involved in planning, organizing and conducting of this trip.

Cheetah Conservation Fund (CCF)

CCF has given HDI a grant to organize and conduct a U.S. Congressional Delegation to Somaliland to interact with the local government officials, business and community leaders. CCF will also be involved in planning, organizing and conducting of this trip.

Somalilander-American Health Association (SAHA)

SAHA has given HDI a grant to organize and conduct a U.S. Congressional Delegation to Somaliland to interact with the local government officials, business and community leaders. SAHA will also be involved in planning, organizing and conducting of this trip.

The Institute for Peace and Conflict Studies (IPCS) at the University of Hargeisa

IPCS will provide in-kind support. They will coordinate the delegation's accommodation and logistics on the ground in Somaliland. They will pay for expenses related to this trip directly to vendors.

The American Global Institute (AGI):

AGI will serve as an important liaison between HDI and local sponsors and will be involved in all areas of planning and implementation of this program.



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13. Briefly describe the stated mission of each sponsor and how the purpose of the trip relates to that mission:

The Humpty Dumpty Institute:

HDI's mission is to inform and foster dialogue amongst critical stakeholders on key global issues. Since 2009, HDI has developed overseas programs by which Members of the U.S. Congress and Staff Employees have had the opportunity to meet and discuss issues on an international basis. HDI is organizing a delegation to Somaliland to give U.S. Congressional Members and Congressional Staff an opportunity to meet Somalilander government, civic, business, environmental and cultural leaders to get a better understanding of the complexities of the area.

Horn of Africa Education Development Fund (Abaarso Network)

Abaarso Network enables transformative change through educating and empowering the human capital needed to achieve ethical and effective development. Founded in 2009, the Abaarso Network includes three world-class educational institutions that provide kindergarten through university students with critical academic fundamentals, and leadership development in Somaliland, Africa. Abaarso Network's alumni will be the new generation of educated and ethical leaders in Somaliland, solving core infrastructure challenges. By sponsoring U.S. Congressional Delegation, Abaarso Network will be able to show the participants complexities of regional educational landscape as well as benefits of creating access to education in the area.

Cheetah Conservation Fund (CCF)

CCF's is the global leader in research and conservation of cheetahs and dedicated to saving the cheetah in the wild. CCF is instrumental in establishing first permanent cheetah sanctuary in Somaliland. By sponsoring U.S. Congressional Delegation, CCF will have chance to show the participants region-specific challenges to environment preservation.

Somalilander-American Health Association (SAHA)

SAHA was founded by a group of Somalilander-American doctors, nurses and other health professionals and works to address critical public health needs impacting Somaliland's hospitals and healthcare systems. SAHA aspires to build a healthcare system in Somaliland that delivers the highest quality and affordable healthcare services to the community and the adjoining communities, helping to improve the health indices in the region. By sponsoring U.S. Congressional Delegation, SAHA will show the participants critical public health needs in Somaliland and its implications in the greater Horn of Africa region.

The Institute for Peace and Conflict Studies (IPCS) at the University of Hargeisa

The Institute for Peace and Conflict Studies (IPCS) is a teaching and research center at the University of Hargeisa, Somaliland. It was established in 2008 by the University of Hargeisa and Eastern Mennonite University in the United States of America to provide a multidisciplinary approach to understand and address conflict and violence in the Horn of Africa. IPCS outreach activities take place both at a local and a community level in order to enhance the IPCS impact on stability at home and at the regional and international level. By hosting U.S. Congressional Delegation, IPCS will have a chance to show the participants importance of increasing access to higher education in the region and explore areas of possible cooperation with American institutions of higher learning.



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The American Global Institute (AGI):

AGI is a 501C3 NGO based in Washington DC who is focused on the trade and use of trade and economic interaction as vehicles to promote political reform and further human rights. AGI is specifically interested in developing relations between the United States and the Arabic speaking world to advance religious tolerance and ethnic reconciliation through economic development in the region.

14. Briefly describe each sponsor's prior history of sponsoring congressional trips.

The Humpty Dumpty Institute:

Since 2009, HDI has developed overseas programs by which Members of the U.S. Congress and Staff Employees have had the opportunity to meet and discuss issues on an international basis. Most recently, HDI brought Congressional Delegations (incl. Staff) to Malawi, Bahrain, Sudan, Belgium, Ukraine and Uzbekistan.

Horn of Africa Education Development Fund (Abaarso Network)

None.

Cheetah Conservation Fund (CCF)

None.

Somalilander-American Health Association (SAHA)

None.

The Institute for Peace and Conflict Studies (IPCS) at the University of Hargeisa

None.

The American Global Institute (AGI):

AGI previously sponsored several Congressional Delegations (incl. Staff) to Sudan.

15. Briefly describe the educational activities performed by each sponsor (other than sponsoring congressional trips):

The Humpty Dumpty Institute:

The HDI's Higher Education Alliance helps create the next generation of global leaders by connecting institutions of higher education with the United Nations. HEA provides a comprehensive range of services, resources and opportunities for students to gain hands-on experience working with the United Nations and in global affairs.



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HDI organizes Boot Camps for students from all over the world to learn more about the work of the United Nations system, the work of diplomats based in New York City and Washington, D.C. as well as the work of the U.S. government.

Horn of Africa Education Development Fund (Abaarso Network)

Founded in 2009, the Abaarso Network includes three world-class educational institutions that provide kindergarten through university students with critical academic fundamentals, and leadership development in Somaliland, Africa. Abaarso School is an internationally recognized 7th-12th grade co-ed boarding school outside of Hargeisa, Somaliland. Founded in 2017 to become the premier higher education institution in Somaliland, Barwaaqo University is a teacher's college and Somaliland's only all-female university. The Kaabe Schools are a new system of K-12 day schools with Montessori-inspired elementary education. Kaabe focuses on student-centered learning and building positive relationships with local communities.

Cheetah Conservation Fund (CCF)

Environmental education is vital to Cheetah Conservation Fund's mission. CCF's research show that public education will help ensure a future for the species in the wild. The development of national pride and international concern for the cheetah are critical to the species survival. In order to reach the widest audience possible, CCF educates farmers, teachers, and the public about methods to conserve biodiversity. Special emphasis is placed on the role of the cheetah and other predators in healthy ecosystems.

Somalilander-American Health Association (SAHA)

SAHA works to improve health outcomes of the people of Somaliland through education, research and system building. Most recently during COVID pandemic, SAHA strongly advocates for global vaccine distribution, educates and strongly encourages everyone who has access to it to take it in accordance with clinical guidelines.

The Institute for Peace and Conflict Studies (IPCS) at the University of Hargeisa

The Institute for Peace and Conflict Studies (IPCS) is a teaching and research center at the University of Hargeisa, Somaliland. It was established in 2008 by the University of Hargeisa and Eastern Mennonite University in the United States of America to provide a multidisciplinary approach to understand and address conflict and violence in the Horn of Africa. The Institute, was the first Institute of its kind to engage in teaching and research in the areas of peace and conflict studies, and remains the only one in the Somali-speaking region in the Horn of Africa. The IPCS provides interested scholars, institute members, and students with the opportunity to engage in intensive interdisciplinary study and research on Somaliland and Somali-inhabited regions in the Horn of Africa.

The American Global Institute (AGI):

None.



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U.S. Congressional Visit to Somaliland
Saturday, December 11 -- Saturday, December 18, 2021
Tentative Agenda

Mission goals:

The goal of this trip is to get a better understanding of the complexities of the region through meetings with the Somalilander government, business, environmental and cultural leaders.

Relevance to official duties:

Somaliland, with its strategic location in the Horn of Africa, is very important to U.S. interests in the region in the current geopolitical situation. It is crucial for all Members of Congress to get a better understanding of current dynamics and strategic concerns.

Saturday, December 11, 2021

10:25 AM Departure from Washington, DC (Flight B777-EK232 Emirates)

Sunday, December 12, 2021

08:20 AM Arrival at Dubai International Airport, UAE

11:00 AM Check-in Le Meridien Dubai Hotel & Conference Centre,
Airport Rd - Garhoud - Dubai - United Arab Emirates

Monday, December 13, 2021

06:30 AM Departure from Dubai International Airport (Flight D3-189 Dallo)

09:00 AM Arrival at Hargeisa International Airport, Somaliland

12:00 PM Check-in Ambassador Hotel
Airport Road, Hargeisa
Phone: +252 2 566666

12:00 PM – 1:00 PM Staff time

2:00 PM – 3:00 PM Organizational Lunch at the Hotel





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3:15 PM – 3:45 PM

Briefing at Cheetah Conservation Fund Safe House

Participants will receive a brief overview of CCF's activities, tour safe house facilities for cheetahs. They will have a chance to observe how greater conservation strategy translates into daily tasks. The delegation will have an opportunity to meet the local staff who care for cheetahs saved from illegal traffickers.

4:00 PM – 5:00 PM

Meeting with Minister Environment and Rural Development of Somaliland, Ms. Shukri Haji Ismail Bandare at Cheetah Conservation Fund Safe House

Participants will discuss environmental challenges facing Somaliland. They will discuss the impact of climate change, like prolonged drought and loss of grazing land, on the local economy.

6:00 PM – 7:00 PM

Meeting with women civil society organizations at the Hotel.

Participants will have an opportunity to discuss issues concerning gender equality and women's rights, women's access to education in Somaliland. The participant will meet with representatives of member organizations of NAGAAD Network, which advocates for women's empowerment in all aspects of their lives.

7:30 PM – 9:00 PM

Welcoming Dinner hosted by IPCS
Keynote Speaker: HE FM Dr. Essa Abdirahman Kayd

Dr. Essa Abdirahman Kayd, Minister of Foreign Affairs & International Cooperation, will address the delegation participants and guests at the dinner. The discussion focused on regional issues affecting Somaliland.

Tuesday, December 14, 2021

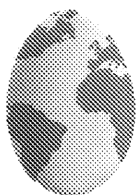
7:00 AM – 8:00 AM

Breakfast at the Hotel

9:00 AM – 09:45 AM

Meeting with Mr. Muse Bihi Abdi, President of Somaliland





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The meeting will allow participants to discuss the most pressing issues concerning Somaliland and its role in the region. The discussion will focus on the current economic and political situation.

10:00 AM – 12:30 PM

Visit to Abaarso School, Maroodi Jeex,
Campus Tour

The delegation will visit an internationally recognized 7th-12th grade co-ed boarding school just outside of Hargeisa. Opportunity to discuss education access and educational opportunities of local students.

1:00 PM – 2:30 PM

Lunch with students and staff

Opportunity to meet and engage in informal conversations with local students and staff.

2:30 PM – 3:30 PM

Meeting and discussion with the leadership of Abaarso Network

The delegation will discuss the challenges of running educational institutions in Somaliland. Participants will meet with Abaarso Network's Executive Director Robert Kaufman, Chief Financial Officer Nora Harless, Founder & Executive Director Abaarso - Kaabe Schools Harry Lee.

4:00 PM – 5:00 PM

Meeting with the Leadership of Cheetah Conservation Fund at the Hotel

The delegation will discuss conservation efforts in the region. Participants will have a chance to learn about CCF's initiatives to end illegal cheetah trafficking and its efforts to establish the first national park in Somaliland. Participants will meet with Dr. Laurie Marker, CCF's founder and conservation biologist.

5:00 PM – 6:30 PM

Staff time

7:00 PM – 8:00 PM

Meeting with Leadership of the University of Hargeisa.





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The delegation will meet with the leadership of the University of Hargeisa, a public and largest university in Somaliland. The participants will have a chance to explore the possibilities of student exchanges.

8:00 PM – 10:00 PM

Working dinner hosted by Abaarso Network and Somaliland Chamber of Commerce

The delegation will have the opportunity to meet local business leaders and discuss the local economy.

Wednesday, December 15, 2021

6:00 AM – 7:00 AM

Breakfast at the Hotel

7:00 AM

Depart for Berbera (ground transportation)

8:00 AM – 9:00 AM

Visit to Laas Geel - Somaliland Ancient Rock Painting,

Visit proposed UNESCO site; 20,000 years-old site in need of protection. Opportunity for participants to learn about region-specific political challenges in obtaining world heritage status. Discussion regarding the importance of cultural/archeological preservation in light of budgetary constraints of developing economies.

10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Visit to Berbera Airport.

The delegation will visit the longest runway in Africa, used as a space shuttle emergency landing site. Discussion of importance in light of U.S defense interests.

12:00 PM – 2:00 PM

Visit to Berbera Port.

The delegation will tour the port and meet with port officials and Coast Guard. The discussion will focus on the strategic importance of the port to regional and U.S. interests.

2:00 PM – 2:30 PM

Working lunch with port officials





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- 3:00 PM – 5:30 PM** Return to Hargeisa (ground transportation)
- 5:30 PM – 7:00 PM** Staff time at the Hotel
- 7:15 PM – 9:00 PM** Working dinner hosted by leaders of political parties

The delegation will have a chance to meet and engage with local political leaders—overview of the current political situation. Participants will have the opportunity to meet with representatives of all major political parties in Somaliland: Somaliland National Party, Kulmiye Peace, Unity and Development Party, Justice and Welfare Party. (Pending Confirmation)

Thursday, December 16, 2021

- 6:00 AM– 7:00 AM** Breakfast at the Hotel
- 7:00 AM – 8:00 AM** Visit to Hargeisa General Hospital, meeting with Hospital leadership
- The delegation will visit the largest public hospital, discuss the local public health sector.*
- 8:00 AM – 9:00 AM** Visit to the Ministry of Health.
- Meeting with Minister of Health, Mr. Hassan Mohamed Ali. Participants will discuss public health needs in Somaliland, gender-based differences in access to healthcare, challenges in building an equitable and sustainable healthcare system.*
- 10:00 AM – 11:30 AM** Visit to newly established Geed Deeble National Park for wildlife preservation.
- Visit to Geed Deeble, the build site of CCF's Cheetah Rescue & Conservation Centre and Somaliland's first proposed National Park for wildlife. Driving tour and walking tour with a*





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presentation. Discuss environmental issues and wildlife conservation.

11:30 AM – 12:00 PM Return to the hotel and staff time

1:00 PM – 1:30 PM Lunch at the Hotel

1:30 PM – 2:30 PM Drive to Barwaaqo University

2:30 PM – 5:00 PM Visit Barwaaqo University,

Visit Somaliland's first residential women's university. Barwaaqo University is a teacher's college and Somaliland's only all-female university. The delegation will tour campus, meet with students and staff, discuss educational opportunities, explore the possibility of exchanges.

5:00 PM – 7:00 PM Return to the Hotel and staff time

7:00 PM – 9:30 PM Dinner at the Hargeisa Cultural Center (HCC)

Participants will have the opportunity to learn about HCC's cultural programming in the region, projects promoting freedom of expression, its mission to empower young creative leaders, increase participation of women in cultural and educational programs. The participants will have a chance to explore the possibility of cultural exchanges.

Friday, December 17, 2021

7:35 AM Departure from Hargeisa International Airport, Somaliland

12:00 PM Arrival at Sharjah International Airport

2:00 PM Check-in Movenpick Hotel
Jumeirah Lakes Towers - Dubai
United Arab Emirates

Saturday, December 18, 2021





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02:30 AM

Departure from Dubai International Airport, UAE



Date/Time Stamp:

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Elizabeth Lewis

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Senate Foreign Relations Committee

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Hargeisa, Somaliland (Somalia)

Destination(s): _____


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As the Policy Analyst responsible for covering Africa for the Senate Foreign Relations Committee (Minority Staff), participation in this trip will help me better understand the effectiveness of US policy toward Somaliland as a semi-autonomous region of Somalia, and opportunities for increased engagement, including as it relates to issues of democracy and human rights, trade/commerce, security, countering transnational crime, and wildlife conservation and anti-trafficking.

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November 10, 2021
(Date)


(Signature of Employee)

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Senator James E. Risch

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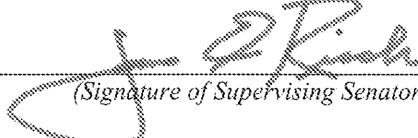
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